



# NEWS RELEASE

## COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD

### Seventh District

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### **VOTERS WILL DECIDE – REFORM BEFORE REVENUE**

This was an important day in the City of San Diego. During a special session of the San Diego City Council, Councilmembers voted 6-2 in favor of asking voters to decide if there should be a half-cent sales tax increase. The proposition will be on the November ballot.

“We’re asking the voters of San Diego to tell us if they are willing to pay a little extra to restore core services,” said Councilmember Marti Emerald. “That includes public safety, libraries and plugging pot holes,” added Emerald, who chairs the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

The *Reform Before Revenue* measure calls for a host of pension and financial reforms which must be met before the temporary 5-year half-cent sales tax would be levied. “Not one penny would be collected until pensions are reduced and managed competition is enacted as part of a comprehensive package of reforms.”

Councilmember Emerald continues to work diligently with her colleagues and the Mayor to restore public trust in government. “I take very seriously my constituents’ message that we need reform before revenue.”

By working together, the City Council and Mayor have enacted budget cuts totaling \$335 million annually.

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